



Renaissance Report

NOVEMBER 5, 2018

Important Announcements:

*We DO have school Tuesday, November 6th. RPSA is NOT a polling station.

*The Anishinaabe Spirit Feast & Dia de los Muertos Celebration originally scheduled for this Wednesday has been cancelled.

*We are still in need of volunteers to assist with concessions during home games. Please sign up outside the first door going into the gym or email Mr. McConnell at smcconnell@renaissancepsa.com.

*Save the Date: The first Learning Celebration will be the morning of December 5, 2018!

Renaissance PTO

The Renaissance PTO would like to thank everyone who volunteered and/or attended The Monster Mash on Friday. We are thankful for our Renaissance family!



Preschool News

This week we spoke about fire safety in home and at school. We practiced stop, drop, and roll in case we have fire on our clothes. We also counted smoke detectors in our home and told friends about how many we had at school. One really important thing we spoke about was having a meeting place in case of a fire. We have talked about and have practiced where we meet at school and how we exit our building. We encourage families to make their own meeting place and practice this just in case of an emergency. Changing speeds a little bit, Fall has arrived! We had such a fun time raking leaves into a leaf pile and jumping in it on the playground.
-Mrs. Simon and Mrs. Binns

PLEASE remember to REPLENISH your CHILD'S extra CLOTHES SUPPLY in their LOCKERS. EXTRA SOCKS WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL JUST IN CASE THEY GET WET when we are PUDDLE JUMPING. THANK YOU!



Kindergarten News



Literacy

Listening for beginning sounds and s-t-r-e-t-ch-i-n-g out words, too!
Sight Words:
a we

Math

We are writing numbers to 10. We will talk about one to one objects and things that go together.
Fork/spoon, bat/ball/
rabbit/carrot

Writing

We are using big and little lines, big and little curves to help us write:
J

Social Studies

How can I show that I care for others? We will be making the homes for our "little friends" special.

Reminders & Events

BOOK BAGS are a GREAT way to add reading to your every day! Every time you BRING your BAG AND BOOK BACK, you GET TO PICK OUT a new one!

THANK YOU FOR making sure that your CHILD has a warm JACKET, HAT, and GLOVES/MITTENS! We DO GO OUT for recess TWO TIMES a day for 20 minutes....IT IS HARD to enjoy when you are COLD. THANK YOU.



Voyager Newsletter

Academics:

In math, our students will continue to work on place value. They will also be working on comparing and ordering numbers, as well as addition and subtraction w/ and w/o regrouping.

In reading, our students will continue to work on fiction story structure: characters, setting, problem, solution, and summary.

In social studies, our students will continue working on Core Democratic Values and how the 7 Habits of Great Leaders helps our community.

In writing, our students will continue writing a persuasive piece. This writing will tie into our social studies unit and how to ensure the greater good for all in our community.

Parents:

Please remember to send your child with a cold lunch on Wednesday if you chose to not have the school make one for the field trip. Also, send your child in WARM clothing (hat, gloves, winter coat).
Thanks in advance!

Upcoming Events:

****We are at school on November 6th; our school does NOT close for election day.**

**November 22 & 23
Thanksgiving Break
No School for Students or Teachers**

**November 30
End of our 1st Trimester**

Classroom News

Renaissance Islanders

November 5 - November 9 2018



This Week's Learning

Literacy: We will continue with finding the author's purpose and text features. Our students are becoming parts of speech professionals and have been labeling our grammar sentence of the week quickly and accurately!

Math: Islanders will continue to work on multiplication, division, and work to decode word problems.

Writing: After finishing our persuasive letters we have done some creative free writing including digital stories.

Social Studies: Our focus is the Bill Of Rights and what they mean. Next, we'll be learning what it means to debate.

Staying Up To Date

- Thank you for sending a warm coat with your child. It makes recess more enjoyable.
- Islander students should be reading 30 minutes each night and working to memorize the basic multiplication facts up through 10.
- TUESDAY is a FULL DAY OF SCHOOL for us. Our school is not used for voting.

Important Dates

November 16th: ALL Pro Dads at 7am

November 22nd-23rd: No school Thanksgiving Break



Week at a Glance

November 5- 9

MATH

-Decimal operations
-Division of fractions
-Operations with + and -
integers
**ASK YOUR CHILD WHICH
TOPIC THEY ARE
WORKING ON. THEY'D
LOVE TO FILL YOU IN!**

PBL

**Social Studies - Properties
and States of Matter**

READING

**Characters and
Character Development
using the novel, Wonder**

WRITING

**Providing evidence to
support your claim in a
persuasive essay.**

IMPORTANT DATES:

**11/5/18 - Mr. LeValley
is here for Mrs.
Bartell's and Mr.
Whitman's classes**

COLD WEATHER IS ON ITS WAY!

**We do have times during the day that all students are expected to go outside. Please
make sure that your child is sent to school with enough outside clothing to keep them
warm.**

Middle School Happenings

November 5-November 9

Study Lab Tuesday and Thursday until 4:30

Math		English Language Arts		Science	Social Studies
<p>Mr. McCausey's math students are working on Algebraic Expressions - This week we began writing expressions.</p> <p>Mr. Buzard's math classes are finishing testing on properties of exponents and should be moving on to scientific notation early in the week. Students needing any extra help or needing to retake their assessment on rational and irrational numbers can come to Homework lab on Tuesday and/or Thursday!</p> <p>In Resource Room, students are working on calculating equivalent fractions to put them in lowest terms.</p>		<p>This week, students will be finishing up with theme. They will be finishing their informational paper very soon!</p> <p>In Resource room, we are using graphic organizers to help us comprehend the informational pieces we are reading</p>		<p>Students are working on their Body Systems Project. Part 1: Pamphlets should be done by the end of next week.</p>	<p>We have finally begun working on our Museum Project! Talk to your students about what aspect of the museum they will be working on. We are excited to see the amazing exhibits that our students create!</p>
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Major Assignment, Assessments and Events		Study Lab Student Council	Early Release	Study Lab Student Council	

Middle School Announcements

We had a great time at the Hoops for Hunger basketball game!

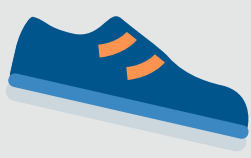
We have begun work on our projects in social studies and science and are looking forward to seeing the great work that our students produce!

Basketball and Cheerleading have begun. Be sure to come out and support the Rams!

*The Anishnaabe Spirit Feast & Dia de los Muertos Celebration has been postponed.



Hoops for Hunger 2018



Athletics



Boys Basketball:

All paperwork and fees are due at this time. Student-athletes will not be able to participate in athletic contests until everything has been collected.

Remember the new scholarship rules this year as well. You can read about them in the athletic handbook.

Regular practice schedules resume this week. If you are not sure when or where your team practices, ask your coach. He will be happy to help you.

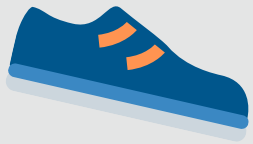
Cheer Team:

Cheer tryouts resume this week. Volleyball players that are interested in being on the cheer team should be at practice...starting today. The coach will make her final decisions soon! Good luck to everyone!

After School Reminder:

All student-athlete practices begin after school at 3:30. Upon dismissal, boys basketball players on either of the "A" teams should grab their gear and head over to Morey Courts immediately. You can change for practice over there...not here at the school. "B" team players should grab their gear and head to the gym immediately to prepare for practice (change in the gym bathroom). Cheerleaders, immediately upon dismissal, should grab their gear and get ready for practice in the middle school pod bathroom(s). There is no time for hallway chatter.

Go Rams!



Athletics

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Volleyball:

Please wash and return your uniforms to Mr. McCausey this week. Thank you.

Winter Sports Pictures:

Guys and Dolls will be here on November 13 to take our Winter Sports Pictures. Student-athletes need to make sure they have their clean uniforms ready to go after school. "A" teams will go first - so that they may get over to Morey for practice as quickly as possible. Envelopes will be coming home soon!

Fall Athletics Banquet:

The Fall Athletics Banquet will be held on November 20 from 5:30 to 7:00pm in the school cafeteria. Cross-country and volleyball athletes, along with their families, are invited to attend - as we celebrate our athletes accomplishments. Dinner will be provided, and only members of those teams should attend.

Mr. McConnell still needs volunteers to help with concessions during home athletic events. Per the Athletic Handbook, any families that have received athletic scholarships are required to work at one game. Thank you!

Specials & Enhancements



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2018
4:30-5:30

WINTER CONCERT

VOYAGERS, ISLANDERS AND BAND STUDENTS

What Lifts You?

Our #whatliftsyou wings are finally up in the gym! This project was inspired by the famous street artist, Kelsey Montague, who has traveled the world creating interactive murals. Every student in the school created their own personal feather, then glued them together to create this giant set of wings. We here at Renaissance Academy have been lifted up by our creativity and community.

What lifts you?



#whatliftsyou

Battle of the Books

We are offering an opportunity for interested fourth and fifth grade students to compete in the Battle of the Books competition sponsored by the Grace A. Dow Library in Midland. This program has been offered for four decades and helps build a sense of teamwork and a love for reading.

Teams of students will work together to read and understand a list of 20 books. Individual students will need to read and become familiar with approximately four books in order to support their teammates. Copies of the books are available at school for students to check out. You may also check them out from the local library.

There are a series of written and oral battles that will take place in February and March. The top performing teams will advance to future rounds. Interested students should sign up with Mr. Mayer. This is an extracurricular event, so the majority of reading preparation will need to take place outside of school. Weekly team meetings to check in and support students will take place during lunch time. We will eat and discuss books together. Students will still have plenty of time to eat.

We will need volunteers to serve as team coaches and others to help write practice questions. More information on Battle of the Books can be found at <http://www.midland-mi.org/510/Battle-of-the-Books> Let us know your interest in volunteering or ask additional questions by contacting Mr. Mayer at hmayer@renaissancepsa.com.





2018-2019 Battle of the Books

Book List

BANKS	FINDING SERENDIPITY: When Tuesday McGillycuddy and her beloved dog Baxterr discover that Tuesday's mother--the famous author Serendipity Smith--has gone missing, they set out on a magical adventure. In their quest to find Serendipity, they discover the mysterious and unpredictable place that stories come from. (O)
BARNETT	THE TERRIBLE TWO: When master prankster Miles Murphy moves to sleepy Yawnee Valley, he challenges the local mystery prankster in an epic battle of tricks, but soon the two join forces to pull off the biggest prank ever seen. (O, OA, H, HA)
BEASLEY	TUMBLE & BLUE: In order for Tumble Wilson and Blue Montgomery to fix their ancestors' mistakes and banish the bad luck that has followed them around for all of their lives, they must face Munch, the mysterious golden alligator who cast the curse on their families centuries ago. (CD, OA)
BROWN	LUCY & ANDY NEANDERTHAL: Lucy and her goofball brother Andy, two Neanderthal siblings living 40,000 years ago, take on a wandering baby sibling, bossy teens, cave paintings, and a mammoth hunt.
BUCKLEY	THE FAIRY-TALE DETECTIVES: Orphans Sabrina and Daphne Grimm are sent to live with an eccentric grandmother that they have always believed to be dead. (CD, O, H)
DAHL	THE BFG: Snatched from her orphanage by a BFG (Big Friendly Giant), who spends his life blowing happy dreams to children, Sophie partners with him to concoct a plan to save the world from nine other man-gobbling cannybull giants. (CD, O, OA)
DICAMILLO	FLORA & ULYSSES: Rescuing a squirrel after an accident involving a vacuum cleaner, comic-reading cynic Flora Belle Buckman is astonished when the squirrel, Ulysses, demonstrates astonishing powers of strength and flight after being revived. (CD, O, H)
DUNCAN	HOTEL FOR DOGS: When Andi finds an adorable stray, she wants to save it—but she can't take it home. With the help of her brother Bruce, she rescues the stray and its puppies and moves them into an abandoned house down the block. Then they check in Red Rover, and MacTavish, and more! (CD, O, OA, HA)
EULBERG	THE GREAT SHELBY HOLMES: Nine-year-old Shelby Holmes, the best detective in her Harlem neighborhood, and her new easy-going friend from downstairs, eleven-year-old John Watson, become partners to solve a dog-napping case. (O)
FAYERS	THE VOYAGE TO MAGICAL NORTH: Brine Seaborne and her friend Peter find themselves in an adventure with pirates, invisible bears, and a seriously evil magician. (O)
GLASER	THE VANDERBEEKERS OF 141 ST STREET: Told that they will have to move out of their Harlem brownstone just after Christmas, the five Vanderbecker children, ages four to twelve, decide to change their reclusive landlord's mind. (O)
HICKS	THE WORM WHISPERER: Ellis Coffey, a lonely fifth-grader, discovers he might have the special gift of talking to bugs and decides to use his ability to win his town's annual Woolly Worm Race.
JENSEN	ALMOST SUPER: Two brothers in a family of superheroes are forced to reexamine everything they knew about being super when the powers they receive are total duds and their enemy is revealed to be just like they are. (CD, O, H, HA)
KARR	THE GREAT TURKEY WALK: In 1860, a somewhat simple-minded fifteen-year-old boy attempts to herd one thousand turkeys from Missouri to Denver, Colorado, in hopes of selling them at a profit. (CD)
LEVINE	DAVE AT NIGHT: When orphaned Dave is sent to the Hebrew Home for Boys where he is treated cruelly, he sneaks out at night and is welcomed into the music- and culture-filled world of the Harlem Renaissance. (CD, OA, H)
LLOYD	THE KEY TO EXTRAORDINARY: Emma Casey lives by a haunted graveyard in her Tennessee town, giving tours, and helping her brother and Granny Blue with the family bakery, and waiting for the destiny dream of her ancestors—but when it comes and shows her only a key, and she finds that she must solve a ghostly mystery that has haunted her town for generations. (CD, O, OA, HA)
O'CONNOR	WISH: Charlie, with the help of the dog of her dreams, discovers family doesn't always have to be related--they are simply people who love you for who you are.
RUSSELL	THE QUEST OF THE WARRIOR SHEEP: When a silvery object falls from the sky, the five sheep of Eppingham Farm decide they must save the sheep god and all of the sheeply nation, despite what dangers may lay ahead on their quest. (OA, H)
THOMSON	THE EUREKA KEY: Three kids become involved in a dangerous quest to find seven keys left behind by a secret society which, when gathered together, unlock a powerful weapon. The three must solve the puzzles, find the artifacts before the bad guy does, and save the nation. (O)
ZHANG	THE EMPEROR'S RIDDLE: During a family trip to China, eleven-year-old Mia Chen and her older brother, Jake, follow clues and solve riddles in hopes of finding their missing Aunt Lin and, perhaps, a legendary treasure.

Additional format codes:

- (O) Available in electronic print format -- OverDrive
- (H) Available in electronic print format - Hoopla
- (CD) Audio available on CD
- (OA) Available in electronic audio format --OverDrive
- (HA) Available in electronic audio format --Hoopla